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### Representative Paper of Gila County.

After much deliberation Justice Rawlings imposed a fine of \$25 against A. R. Edwards, democratic nominee for district attorney, for carrying a six-shooter. If that is a sufficient penalty for an aggravated case, wonder what Rawlings considers the proper fine in an ordinary case, where the culprit has made no attempt to use his weapon?

Arizona is a very attractive field for mining investments just now, and there are a number of young companies that bid fair to make dividend payers in the very near future. Arizona's mineral resources are among the most prominent of the mining states, and they can be said to be the most virgin. Arizona richly deserves statehood. Capital will follow statehood very quickly.—Western Mining World.

It is not the number of newspapers which advocate the interest and bolster up the ambition of would-be statesmen that gives strength, but the character of the individual whose spirit actuates them. It is impossible to separate the character of the editor from his writings. They partake of his nature, be that good or bad. To make a man strong before the people he must have merit—and then he must have that merit presented by meritorious men.—Star.

On the fourth page of this issue will be found a letter written by Col. L. F. Eggers advocating the election of Robert E. Morrison as delegate to congress. Granted that the republican nominee possesses all the good qualities claimed for him, no democrat is going to stultify himself by voting to send Mr. Morrison to congress simply to improve our chances of securing statehood. Even the representative republicans of the territory, in convention at Phoenix last week, disavowed this time-worn argument by declaring in their platform: "We maintain that the political complexion of the territory should have nothing to do with our claims for admission." There may be reasons for a democrat declining to support Colonel Wilson, but if so, Colonel Eggers has not mentioned them.

### THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT CINCINNATI.

The speech of the president at Cincinnati is a disappointment to those who expected a clear-cut proposal for the cure of the trust evil or for the revision of the tariff. It was announced that a definite program had been agreed upon by the president and his senatorial advisers at a conference held a few days before at Sagamore Hill, and Walter Wellman, the well known press correspondent, expressed the belief that the Cincinnati speech would outline the republican party's intentions in regard to tariff revision and, as he said, "promises to mark an epoch in the history of the republican party."

The speech is not an epoch marker in any sense, and is significant only in showing that the president is less frank in his treatment of the trusts than he had previously been, and the tariff is alluded to only to combat the argument that high protection fosters monopoly. The whole speech is an evasion and subterfuge, and can be summed up as buncombe.

Speaking of the trusts, he said: "The remedy is legislation which will place these corporations under some sovereign power and also provide for publicity in their affairs," and of the proposed constitutional amendment he admits that "the process would be necessarily slow," and adds:

"The people are always reluctant to enter upon a change in the constitution, but in this instance I am confident that reasons for entering upon such an effort do exist. The very fact of delay in securing a constitutional amendment insures full discussion and consideration to prevent ill-considered action. I have no intention of outlining such a constitutional amendment. That should come as a matter of agreement following discussion."

Alluding to the growing demand for tariff revision, the president said:

"A remedy much advocated at the moment is to take off the tariff from

all articles which are made by trusts. To do this it will be necessary first to define trusts."

"If in any case the tariff is found to foster a monopoly which does ill, why, of course, no protectionist would object to a modification of the tariff sufficient to remedy the evil. But in very few cases does the so-called trust monopolize the market."

"The evils connected with the trusts cannot be damaged by depriving them of the benefits of a protective tariff, only on condition of damaging all their smaller competitors, and all the wage workers employed in the industry."

Such talk is mere artifice. If President Roosevelt does not know what constitutes a trust, the people do, and they demand relief now—not four or five years hence. The necessity for reform of the tariff and industrial conditions, weighing so heavily upon the masses, is immediate. Posterity can look out for itself and will have other problems to meet. The republican party must face the music.

### ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Lieutenant Peary, though he did not reach the pole nor penetrate as far into the north as other men have done, has nevertheless added to the world's knowledge of the polar heights. Like so many other brave explorers who have striven to attain the frozen goal, Lieutenant Peary returns with a new theory as to how it may be reached. He says the pole may never be reached by any adequately fitted expedition which shall make latitude 83 degrees north its winter quarters.

He says: "It is no more difficult to travel between latitudes 70 and 80 than it is between latitudes 60 and 70, and I believe not one bit more difficult between 80 and 90 than between 70 and 80. It has been demonstrated to my satisfaction that there is no open ocean in the voyage far north. There is no foundation, on the other hand, for the idea that there is a paleocystic or eternally frozen sea, though the waters are practically always covered with ice. The pole will be reached on sledges, and in no other way."

Lieutenant Peary reached latitude 84 degrees and 17 minutes, a point in the Polar sea, northwest of Cape Hecla, Grinnell Land. This is the most northerly point attained by an American explorer. Nansen, in 1895, traveled to latitude 86.14, and Captain Cagni, of the Abruzzi expedition, reached latitude 86.33 in 1900. So far as known, this is the farthest north man has gone.

### A Peculiar Situation.

Cocoonino county is placed in a peculiar situation by the sudden increase in the value of taxable property, which under the law places it among the counties of the first class and increases the salary of every county official, with the exception of that of sheriff. The county will remain in the first-class list about one year, as the corporations which own the forest reserve lands will have disposed of their holdings to the government by the first of February, 1903, and these lands will not be subject to taxation next year or thereafter, when the county will by operation of law revert to a third or fourth-class county, with the expenses, so far as the county officials are concerned, of a first-class county.

The increase in salaries will amount to about \$8,000 per year, or \$16,000 for the two years' term the officials were elected for. It is probable that the law does not contemplate such a condition of affairs, and in this case it will be an imposition upon the taxpayers of Cocoonino county and an increase in the salary of county officers which the financial condition of the county does not warrant.

There is a strong and growing sentiment among the taxpayers against assuming the increased expenses of a first-class county, which only benefits the officeholder, and the question as to whether or no this increased and unnecessary expense shall be donated to the officeholder rests largely with the taxpayer.

The present board of supervisors are opposed to any increase in the expenses in this direction, and not one of the present county officials will ask for any compensation other than that allowed in a third-class county, and it is fully expected that the officials who will be elected at the coming election will entertain the same sentiments in the matter.—Cocoonino Sun.

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Telegraphing at times is rather expensive and many times we wish we could dispense with some of the expense attached. However, the utility of the telegraph system was strikingly exemplified yesterday.

A telegram was sent from Bisbee to Dawson City at 1 o'clock yesterday on an important business matter, requiring an immediate reply. The answer was received at the Bisbee office the same evening about 7 o'clock. The message and the reply traveled over seven thousand miles in the short period of six hours at the expense of fifteen dollars.

The message went from here to San Francisco, from San Francisco to Seattle, Washington, to Sitka, Alaska, from Sitka, Alaska to Fort Ashcroft, Alaska, to Dawson, Northwest Territory. The message was then delivered, the answer returned over the same route and delivered to the person who sent it from Bisbee.

This is certainly quick work considering the fact that it was a short time ago when it required nearly two months to get a letter through to Dawson.—Bisbee Review.

### Teller's Great Service to His Country.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, has a pretty good republican endorsement of his statesmanship to fall back upon in his appeal to his constituents for reelection. Senator Hoar has said of him: "I doubt whether any man who has sat in this chamber since Charles Sumner died, or whether all who sit here now put together, have done a more important single service to the country than he (Teller) did in securing the passage of the resolution which pledged us to deal with Cuba according to the principles of the Declaration of Independence." Said Senator Hale of Maine: "I look upon it as a most providential thing in the course of this whole matter that the senator from Colorado had the forethought, the presence to submit that resolution and attach it to the proceedings, and thereby make it for us a restraining force from that day to this. I believe that had it not been for that declaration always standing before us as an outright and express pledge and agreement, Cuba today would not be a free republic." And said Senator Spooner of Wisconsin: "I have looked upon the resolution of the senator from Colorado as having prevented foreign concert against us in our Cuban intervention."—Boston Herald.

### President Alarmed by Tariff Talk.

"President Roosevelt is said by those who have talked with him to be in a state of alarm over the rise of tariff talk during the last few months," says Walter Wellman, correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald. "The worst phase of the situation, as he and other republican leaders view the matter, is that the antagonism to trusts is almost wholly responsible for this talk, and that the discontent with high prices is spreading fast among the laboring people. Not so much of it is heard among the farmers, but Senators Platt, Hanna and Aldrich have all admitted to your correspondent that the feeling is becoming intense among the wage-earners of the cities. For some reason or other the working people connect the Pennsylvania coal strike with the trust question and the tariff question, and among republican leaders it is not denied that their party is doomed to suffer the loss of many congressmen in the industrial centers. The longer the anthracite strike continues the worse it is going to be for their party, they think, and they are hoping and praying that the strike may soon be ended."

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